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Issued Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1973

Whereas, the 37th Edition of National Games scheduled in Goa w.e.f. 19th October, 2023 to 09th November, 2023 and events relating to the said games are being held in South Goa from 23rd October, 2023 to 09th November, 2023 and for which various security arrangements are required to be taken;

And whereas, as a measure to beef-up security there shall be restriction on the aerial photography or videography in any form such as by use of drone cameras, flying balloons, etc. Hence, there is sufficient ground for proceeding under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, to prevent aerial photography and videography or videography in any form such as by use of drone cameras, flying balloons, etc.;

Now, therefore, I, Asvin Chandru A., IAS, District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao-Goa in exercise of the powers vested in me under section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, do hereby prohibit aerial photography in any form such as by use of drone cameras, flying balloons or by any other aviated devices in South Goa District w.e.f. 23-10-2023 to 09-11-2023 37th Edition of National Games:

Provided that the above order shall not apply to-

- Police Personnel and other Government officials/ /agencies if using the drone purely in connection with their officials duties, subject to the following conditions:
 - a) That the Police Personnel and other Government officials shall be in their service uniform, and shall carry their identity cards and authorization cards authorizing them to use the drone in connection with their official duties, issued by the Competent Authority.
 - b) That the exemption is applicable in relation to the above said personnel only when they are on official duty and to other agencies//entities who are granted specific NOC//permission by this office subject to compliance of the guidelines and Drone Rules, 2021 governing the same.

In view of the emergent nature of the order, it is being issued ex-parte and is addressed to the public in general. Any breach of this order would invite action under section 188 of the Indian Penal Code.

Given under my hand and seal of this office this 23rd day of October, 2023.

Margao.— The District Magistrate (South), Asvin Chandru A., IAS.

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